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of Arizona
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Dear Mr. Lynch:

I received your letter of April 4, 2006, requesting detailed information on security costs related to the Boulder Canyon Project. Our 10-year plan contains an overview of the cost breakdown for security, but it does not detail the costs to the degree of your request. We generally discuss details on all line items with the Technical Review Committee. We have not provided as much detail on security as other items primarily because security discussions are sensitive and, until this year, the costs were born by appropriations and were non-reimbursable. With the change in policy regarding the source of funding and the reimbursability component, we agree that more information needs to be shared with our power customers at the Technical Review Committee meeting.

Since the information you are requesting is considered For Official Use Only information, we must follow a different mechanism for disseminating information that is considered sensitive to operational security. We will provide more detailed information to our direct customers through the Technical Review Committee at their next meeting. Those members of the TRC who wish to hear and see more detailed information regarding number of guards, placement, type of equipment, and procedures will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement. Any requested information determined to be classified will have to be addressed through appropriate procedures for the handling of classified information.

We agree that customers paying the costs of security have an interest in determining and ensuring that the funds are effectively utilized. Although we have not provided the information in this letter, we hope you understand and appreciate our immediate concern and our commitment to share details in the future with appropriate parties.

Sincerely

Robert W. Johnson
Regional Director